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party, to impair the obligation of the particular contract in question : *R. R. Co. v. Rock*, 4 Wall. 177, 181; *R. R. Co. v. McClure*, 10 Wall. 511, 515; *Knox v. Exchange Bank*, 12 Wall. 379, 383; *Delmas v. Ins. Co.*, 14 Wall. 661, 665; *University v. People*, 99 U. S. 309, 319; *Chicago Life Co. v. Needles*, 113 U. S. 574, 582."

To the same effect is a *resume* of the authorities by Mr. Justice Gray, in *N. O. Waterworks v. La. Sugar Co.*, 125 U. S., 33 (1888); by Mr. Chief Justice Fuller, in *St. Paul, etc. R. R. Co. v. Todd Co.*, 142 U. S. 285 (1892); and again, by Mr. Justice Gray, in *Central Land Co. v. Laidley*, 159 U. S. 109 (1895).

BOOK REVIEWS.

THE LAW OF CHARITABLE USES, TRUSTS AND DONATIONS, IN NEW YORK. By ROBERT LUDLOW FOWLER, of the New York Bar. New York: The Diossy Law Book Company. 1896.

This treatise, as the title indicates, is of especial interest to the New York practitioner, dealing particularly with the New York law of Trusts, but it also contains much that is of value to lawyers in other States. The first two chapters are devoted to an historical review of the English law of Charitable Uses and Trusts, from the time of the earliest records to the present day. Mr. Fowler has, in this survey, shown great diligence and research. He has devoted some space to the consideration of the controversy as to whether the jurisdiction of the Chancellor does or does not depend upon the Statute of Charitable Uses (43 Eliz., c. 4), and has collected all the authorities. Pursuing the historical method, Mr. Fowler has then shown how much of the English law was in force in the Province of New York, how much was retained by the State of New York, and to what extent that law has been modified by legislation and judicial interpretation. There is added a number of carefully prepared forms for the disposition in trust and otherwise of property to charity, which forms should prove very useful. The volume closes with appendices setting forth the full text of the Statute of Charitable Uses, together with the titles and dates of the principal New York Statutes. *A. G. D.*

THE DETECTIVE FACULTY. By W. H. BAILEY, Sr., LL.D. Cincinnati: The Robert Clarke Company. 1896.

This volume is intended as an aid to the prompt discovery of all violations of law, and the speedy apprehension of the wrongdoer, and is the result more of the actual practice of an attorney engaged largely in criminal law than of any mere empty theories on the subject. While elementary, and at places containing assertions which rather transcend the bounds of our credulity, it